

through her employer. She got her insurance through Humana at \$167 a month, with a \$2,000 deductible. It was the plan she liked.

She has now lost her plan. Humana has canceled that plan. The plan most similar to the one she has now costs \$404 a month, with a \$2,500 deductible. Needless to say, she is not happy. She is not happy with the Obama plan, and she is not happy with the exchange and is worried about the pharmacy she is going to go to. She is not likely to have insurance next year.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN ACT

(Mrs. ELLMERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of North Carolinians.

I would like to share the story of Marian and Donald from Asheboro, North Carolina. They are among the 160,000 North Carolinians whose policies have been canceled and whose premiums are going up.

She says:

Donald and I both had a \$5,000 deductible individual HSA policy—and both were canceled. Our premiums are more than doubling under the replacement policies. I contacted BlueCross/BlueShield and learned they are required by law to roll us into the “suggested” policy if we do not sign up for something else. They also told me they need no additional authority to remove this premium from our bank account in January.

Because the premium increase will consume our gas and grocery money for the month, I cannot let this happen. My plan is to cancel our health insurance altogether so that there is no policy to “roll over” and face paying the penalty. As of the end of this month, we will be both be uninsured.

Mr. Speaker, there are Marians and Donalds across this country facing the same fate. That is why we will continue to fight for this issue.

OBAMACARE CONSTITUENT STORIES

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, last week, President Obama apologized for not being “clear enough” when he promised to the public that if you like your current health care plan, you can keep it. Now, 3.5 million Americans have already received letters from their insurance companies informing them their current plan will no longer be offered. That number is expected to reach 10 million.

Let me share with you just two stories from the 25th District of Texas.

Robert from Austin, Texas, started a new business this year and has private insurance for his family that costs \$450 a month. His insurer called him this week to let him know his premiums will now be \$1,200 a month—more than his mortgage. What is affordable about that?

Dianne from Driftwood, Texas, is a cancer survivor with an adopted special needs child and believed the President when he said she could keep her and her child’s doctors, but her doctors will no longer accept her insurance.

Mr. Speaker, I have a growing pile of similar letters and emails on my desk, and what I see is a tragedy in America.

Let’s let those who like their health care keep their health care, let’s make positive reforms for those currently uninsured, and let’s restore the financial stability and relief that ObamaCare has robbed from many of us. Americans are hurting.

In God we trust.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN

(Mr. OLSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce the American people to Scott and Daniza Wiseman from Missouri City, Texas. These Texans are pictured at the Alamo. They are about to receive God’s greatest gift—their first child, a daughter, with the beautiful name of Mia Isabella.

Daniza is due on December 31, 2013, but instead of being filled only with joy, Scott and Daniza are now full of worry because they have been told they will lose their family health care on January 1, 2014, thanks to ObamaCare.

Neither Scott and Daniza, nor any American, should have to face this ordeal. If my colleagues vote for the Upton bill tomorrow, families like the Wisemans can love the new gift, Mia Isabella, without worry.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3350. Let’s reassure all Americans that if they like their health plan, they can truly keep it.

MR. PRESIDENT, KEEP YOUR PROMISE

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, “If you like your health plan, you can keep it” was President Obama’s promise to the people since 2009, but just last week, he attempted to apologize to those losing health insurance because of the law. While I am glad the President is starting to see the truth, the people need more than just apologies for broken promises.

In my Michigan district, a 29-year-old woman named Rosann has been battling sarcoma cancer for over a year. Because of her disease and treatments, she can’t work full time, but through part-time work she has managed to pay all her own bills—that is, until she received a notice that she will lose her current health care coverage because of ObamaCare and have to pay \$225 more a month for a government-approved plan.

Rosann doesn’t need an apology. She just wants to keep her insurance, along

with nearly 5 million other Americans who have lost their coverage in the last 6 weeks alone.

House Republicans remain committed to fighting for Americans and providing fairness for all. The President needs to join our efforts, Mr. Speaker, and keep his promise to the American people.

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(Mr. LUETKEMEYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, last month in Missouri, only 751 individuals signed up for the Federal exchanges as thousands of other individuals lost their health care. These numbers and the need to institute a fix that allows Americans to keep their current coverage further highlight that the President’s health care law is a failure.

One of my many constituents who has been affected by the law is Stephanie Botkin of Barnhart, Missouri. Stephanie, her husband, and her two teenage youngsters are hardworking, healthy, and they do not use a great deal of health services. She told me that they have been extremely pleased with their current plan because it works for them in terms of cost and coverage. Now, thanks to the President’s health care law, Stephanie has been told that her family cannot keep its current plan, and will be forced to buy a different plan with a premium that costs 66 percent more per month and that has a higher deductible and an exorbitant co-pay, in other words, a plan that costs more and covers less.

Today, the President announced yet another fix to the law, which he technically does not have the authority to do. The fix is for him to sign legislation the House will pass tomorrow that will protect Americans from this damaging law. For Stephanie and her family’s sake and for the good of the American public, it is time the President does the right thing and works with Congress.

OBAMACARE

(Mr. RENACCI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 3350, the Keep Your Health Plan Act.

While a full repeal of the President’s health care law is in the best interest of the American people, tomorrow’s vote is yet another effort to restore fairness at a time when the administration refuses to acknowledge its broken promises.

The President promised the American people that, if you like your health insurance plan, you can keep it. He promised that, if you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. Unfortunately, that hasn’t worked out.

Five million Americans, including many of my constituents, have already received cancellation notices. One constituent, Diane from Wooster, has a policy that she likes, but received notice that it would be canceled, and she is now unable to keep her doctor, whom she likes and trusts.

My vote tomorrow is for Diane and for the millions of others like her who want to keep their health care plans that the President had promised they could keep. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

OBAMACARE

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for more than 3½ years, President Obama repeatedly promised Tom, who is in this picture, that if he liked his health care plan, he could keep it. Period. In spite of the President's assurances, Tom, along with 3.5 million other Americans, has recently received a cancellation letter from his insurance provider.

You see, Tom, who is a constituent from Allen, Texas, has dwarfism, which makes access to the doctors he likes, trusts, and knows critical to his well-being. Not only has ObamaCare affected his health care, but Tom has said it has taken time, energy and focus away from growing his small business. That even makes the new Pope mad. As Tom's dad often said, If you're not going to be part of the solution, at least don't be part of the problem. Thus far, ObamaCare is the problem.

It is time for President Obama to join our efforts and provide a real solution to this flawed and unworkable law.

DONNA'S DILEMMA

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a story from Missouri's Fourth District. It is from an individual who had her insurance canceled because of ObamaCare.

Donna from California, Missouri, wrote in, saying that she and her husband received a letter stating that their plan would be canceled next year because it doesn't comply with the law. After researching new plans on the exchanges, she found that their premiums for a comparable plan would increase by \$300 and that their deductible would increase by \$1,300. She says:

I'm not sure I'll be able to pay my medical expenses. That's a "choice" being forced upon me and is limiting my freedoms. I worry about the children whose parents don't take them to the doctor because they can't afford the out-of-pocket expense or they lose everything because they did seek medical help for a critically ill child.

Donna, we are here today to speak out for you and for the millions of Americans who were given a promise. That is why I am proud to stand with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, to ensure that our President keeps the promise he made to so many Americans. You deserve it.

THE FACES OF OBAMACARE

(Mrs. WAGNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks I have received countless examples of heartbreaking stories from the people of Missouri's Second Congressional District about how government-run health care is impacting their lives.

Today, I rise to put a face on the failures of ObamaCare and to tell Pam and Dennis Hopmann's story, who hail from Chesterfield, Missouri. This is their story in their own words:

We are livid that President Obama broke his promise to us about keeping our doctors. The Federal Government has very few success stories at running programs, and this is a prime example. Not only am I going to lose my insurance, but I also received a letter that I would lose care from my OB/GYN doctor, whom I have seen for 30 years. I wanted to stay with my plan. There was nothing wrong with it. It was not a "junk" plan, which Obama so frequently likes to call them.

Mr. Speaker, this is just one of millions of examples of real people being hurt by ObamaCare.

OBAMACARE

(Mr. PEARCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PEARCE. Mr. Speaker, the President promised that if you like your plan you can keep it; but he hasn't followed that promise, and he followed up with an administering of the plan that is even worse.

Only 172 people have been able to sign up in the one month's 24-hour access to the Web site that is supposed to allow us to sign up. More people are served popcorn and soft drinks during the halftime of an Artesia football game than have been able to get service through this Web site. The losses are extensive:

In Truth or Consequences, Ron says that he lost his coverage and that the replacement is 350 percent to 550 percent higher;

Jacob in Roswell: his whole road crew lost its plan. It is seeing its premiums triple;

Kathy from Silver City, who is on fixed income-retirement: their premiums are quadrupling;

Jen, on Facebook, who is going from \$300 a month to \$1,500 a month, wonders where she can get the money to pay that.

Maybe you have an answer, Mr. President.

ANOTHER BROKEN OBAMACARE PROMISE

(Mr. SMITH of Missouri asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, today President Obama announced yet another delay to his health care mandate. The President is picking and choosing which parts of ObamaCare he wants to enforce. The President needs to stop picking winners and losers. ObamaCare is broken and cannot be fixed.

Republicans led the fight against ObamaCare because we knew the mandate would cause individuals to lose their health care. We knew monthly premiums would skyrocket, and we knew the quality of the health care of Americans would suffer.

For over 3 years, President Obama has made numerous statements to American families to sell his misguided health care law, and now he is asking Americans to trust him again.

My constituents in the Show Me State are not buying it, President Obama.

Mr. Speaker, ObamaCare cannot be fixed by delaying portions of the law. ObamaCare needs to be repealed.

OBAMACARE

(Mr. NEUGEBAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to read to you a letter from a woman named Katherine from Levelland. Katherine's daughter, Taylor, has an aggressive form of childhood cancer, which requires treatments in Lubbock and Houston.

Katherine writes:

Along with the expense of her medical treatments, we have the expense of keeping an apartment in Houston and traveling back and forth. My husband owns a small car dealership in Levelland, and we have a private insurance policy. We have had this policy for over 4 years, and we were devastated to find out that Taylor's policy is now being canceled.

President Obama said, If you're one of the 250 million Americans who already has health insurance, you will get to keep your own health insurance.

Unfortunately, we have not been given the choice to keep Taylor's health insurance. I wanted you to know our story so that when you are in Washington you can share it with others.

I wish that Katherine and Taylor's story were unique; but, unfortunately, I receive dozens of emails from constituents who tell me about lost coverage, lower benefits, and higher premiums. They are looking for us to make it right.

I will do everything in my power to fix this so as to ensure that mothers